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Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006. In view of the following amendments and response, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.